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## PARIS TERROR ATTACKS AFFECT CLEMSON STUDENTS ABROAD

Justin Lee Campbell  
Asst. TimeOut Editor

On Nov. 13, six locations in Paris, France were the targets of terrorist attacks for which the Islamic State, or ISIS, claims responsibility. The initial attack, a shooting in front of a restaurant at 9:30 p.m. local time, was followed by shootings in the Bataclan concert hall, which was taken hostage. Shootings and small explosions surrounding the national stadium and in front of several other restaurants were also reported. NPR reported on Nov. 17 that 129 people had perished in the attacks, which are believed to have been perpetrated by "three well-organized teams of assailants," according to investigators.

Commenting on the status of Clemson students abroad in France, Director of

Clemson Abroad Dr. Uttiyo Raychaudhuri reported, "We do not have any students in Paris and the four students we had in France were able to reach and confirm their safety within two hours of the incident." Raychaudhuri also noted Clemson Abroad's "good online tracking system that informs us of all the students who are abroad ... and which country they are in."

Future Abroad students will continue to use this system and take further precautions as advised by Clemson's Study Abroad Office.

Kelsey Morgan, a junior marketing major, who will be studying abroad in Paris at the IESEG School of Management in spring 2016, noted that safety and precautionary measures would be the entire focus of the next meeting for the Paris

study abroad group. "They're definitely putting a lot in place to take care of our safety," Morgan said, adding that she has confidence in Clemson Abroad's ability to handle safety concerns. She said the attacks on Paris have not led her to change her plans, as she continued, "I'll be taking some marketing classes, a French class, and definitely traveling ... and just seeing the world from a different perspective."

Clemson Abroad gave a list of safety precautions for students currently in Europe in a document provided to The Tiger by Assistant Director of Media Relations John Gouch. "In the event of a large-scale emergency like those this weekend, Clemson University will reach out to you to confirm your safety through your Clemson email address," the document states. Suggested precautions

include minimizing cross-border travel, registering with the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP), and avoiding demonstrations and protests. Clemson Abroad also addresses students going to Europe in 2016. "We are closely monitoring events in Europe through several official sources, including international education networks, program provider contacts and government resources through the U.S. Department of State," the document says. Clemson Abroad also notes, "No Clemson programs or provider programs have been suspended."

Victoria Vidi, a junior environmental/natural resources major, said the attacks have changed her plans for study abroad. Originally intending to study in the French Riviera during the spring of 2016,

Vidi notes of Clemson Abroad, "I don't feel like they've been completely honest with me about some of the negative aspects that could happen or will happen." She continued, "Now I'm leaning more towards not studying abroad because I'm kind of in fear that a war will break out."

French President Francois Hollande told the public that "France is at war" in a media address on Nov. 17, and France has begun a bombing campaign in Syria.

The Paris attacks have also resulted in a change of policy on Syrian refugees in several states. According to the Washington Post, "Governors across the country are scrambling to close off their states to resettled Syrian refugees in the wake of the deadly terror attacks in Paris that are linked to Islamic State

extremists." Among them is South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley (R-SC). "I am requesting that the State Department not resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina," Haley wrote in a letter to Secretary of State John F. Kerry. Her request is based on concerns about the recent Paris attacks as they relate to the "vetting process of refugees from conflict-zones, specifically Syria." Haley notes that, "reports surfaced that at least one of the attackers entered France by claiming to be a refugee hoping to escape the conflict in Syria."

No official decision from the U.S. State Department has been announced. In a statement released on Nov. 18, President Hollande announced that France would take 30,000 refugees over the course of two years.

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"What do you think of Nikki Haley's request to not receive refugees from Syria?"

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## CAMPUS HONORS VETERAN ALUMNI

Events highlight importance  
of military mental health

Kelly Colwell  
Asst. News Editor

Military Appreciation Week, from Nov. 18 - 21, hosts events in honor of Clemson's start as a military school and the more than 10,000 Clemson men and women who have served in the armed forces.

Yesterday, Green Zone Training was held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., which educated faculty and students on how to help veterans transition from combat to civilian life.

According to John Fix, a retired U.S. army sergeant major and Clemson graduate student, "[Military Appreciation Week] was started a few years ago by some folks in the Career Center and it was developed based on some other training at other universities across the country. We're trying to help transition our student veterans into their college community."

Green Zone refers to a safe place, named after the "Green Zones" in Iraq. Green Zone Allies are educated

about the military experience, deployment cycles and issues faced by student veterans, such as PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury). According to Fix, "[Green Zone] has been working very well. The assessments we've done with student veterans have shown that they're feeling that staff faculty are more prepared to deal with them."

Other events honoring Clemson's veterans include a mobile veterans center coming to campus Thursday, Nov. 19. It will be parked by Tillman Hall all day to raise awareness of student veterans and provide services that veterans would usually have to travel to the Veterans Affairs center for.

"So, if they just need simple answers on some benefits, programs or the status of a claim or whatever they may need, they can go visit this mobile center rather than having to go to Columbia or Greenville or wherever their veteran services are at," said Fix regarding the mobile



ASHLEY STOUT/Asst. Photo Editor

ROTC students make up part of the military students of Clemson and are a part of gameday traditions.

veteran center, "It's coming here to them to reach out to the community and the veterans."

On Friday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Military Heritage Plaza, members of the Undergraduate Student Government Military Affairs Committee will be hosting a Military Heritage Awareness Event. Cadets will be asking students general military heritage questions and give out prizes. They will also be available to answer questions about Clemson's military heritage. Students and community members are encouraged to come to the event and explore

the Military Heritage Plaza.

A student veteran golf tournament will start at 11:30 a.m. at the Boscobel Golf and Country Club. All proceeds will be donated to the Student Veteran Scholarship Endowment.

The week will be capped off with the Military Appreciation Day Game against Wake Forest. Fans are encouraged to wear solid purple to recognize the significance of the color to both Clemson and the U.S. military. At 11 a.m. on game day, the Pershing Rifles will change out the flag that has been flown over the Scroll of Honor

at Memorial Park. The Pershing Rifles will be guarding the Scroll of Honor starting at 3:30 p.m. on Friday until kickoff.

At 2:30 p.m. there will also be a parade from central campus down to the stadium including the marching band, ROTC units, veterans, local Guard/ Reserve units and Clemson Corps.

Saturday's game will begin with Army Special Forces parachuting the game ball in and a flyover by Air Force aircraft. During halftime, all veterans will be honored on the field and the Clemson Rangers will perform a Fallen Soldier salute in the East

End Zone. The Pershing Rifles will perform a 21 gun Salute and the playing of TAPS will close out the halftime show.

Fix believes Clemson is on the right track with their student veteran services. "Clemson's made a lot of efforts to improve on their services to the student veterans and be more military friendly. I know over the last year or two that there's been a lot of headway, but there's still a lot of work to do. It's come a long way and we're actually now being recognized on a national level for being military friendly which is great."





## Clemson's Falun Dafa club shares a history that's "Hard to Believe"

Katy Koon  
Copy Editor

Monday night in Cooper Library, members of the Falun Dafa club invited students and community members to a screening of "Hard to Believe," a documentary on the organ harvesting of Falun Dafa practitioners in China. The documentary looks at the history of persecution, torture and political rebellion in China. It is primarily based on a seven-year investigation by Ethan Gutmann, published in his 2014 book, "The Slaughter: Mass Killings, Organ Harvesting and China's Secret Solution to Its Dissident Problem."

These "dissidents" are practitioners of Falun Dafa. Also called Falun Gong, this spiritual practice is "a traditional Chinese self-cultivation practice that improves mental and physical wellness through a series of easy-to-learn exercises, meditation and the development of one's 'heart-mind nature,'" according to the Clemson Falun Dafa's website. The three central beliefs of the practice are "Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance," and although it has been banned by the Communist Party and labeled a "cult," no violent acts have been committed in its name.

Falun Dafa expanded to over 100 million practitioners

in the seven years following its creation in 1992. In 1999, a crackdown on Falun Dafa practitioners began in response to a protest against the Chinese government requesting recognition and an end to persecution, and resulted in the imprisonment of millions and the expansion of China's labor camp system.

Huili Li, who has lived in the U.S. for three years while pursuing a doctorate in economics at Clemson, said her friends have been "sent to jail, brainwashing centers and labor camps by Chinese Communist Party."

Li described two times her home in China was raided by police.

Another member of the Falun Dafa Club, who requested to remain anonymous out of concern for family still living in China, also shared her story. She recounted the beginning of the Communist campaign to "slander Falun Gong." The persecution and harassment of practitioners made her feel "miserable and voiceless." Her closest friend was among those jailed for her beliefs, and she explained that the prisoners are often subjected to "heavy labor, sleep deprivation, electric batons" and sexual assault. Others become victims of organ harvesting.

In "Hard to Believe,"

interviewed victims claimed that they would be given physical exams and then tortured in jail, in order to find matches for organs in demand. It is legal in China to harvest organs from prisoners who have received the death sentence once they are executed — this is how the Chinese government explains the availability of organs for transplant in the hospital system. The documentary claims that the short wait time for an organ transplant in China — only one or two weeks — implying that organs are available on demand from political prisoners, not just those on death row.

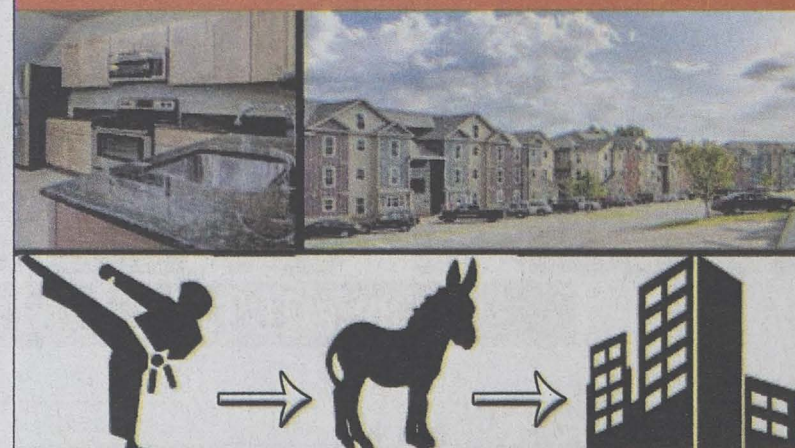
In Gutmann's book, he approximates that 65,000 Falun Dafa practitioners were harvested for their organs between 2000 and 2008.

Evidence provided in a report published by Canadian attorneys, David Kilgour and David Matas, was circumstantial, though it supports the Falun Dafa's claims of organ harvesting and drew Western attention to the issue.

According to Li and the documentary, Israel, Taiwan and Canada have made laws to control transplant tourism, but the U.S. has taken no preventative measures. An attempt to address this issue was a bill introduced to Congress in 2013. According to the legislative record available on the Congress.gov website, this

bill purported to be "expressing concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience, in the People's Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners imprisoned for their religious beliefs, and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups," but it never came to the House floor. There was also a petition started by Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH) that asked the U.N. to investigate organ harvesting in China. It reached 1.5 million signatures, but was dismissed.

The stories of Falun Gong practitioners about fear, torture and injustice are numerous and come from closer to home than might be expected. Li said many people don't know about this massive human rights concern because of the limitations put in place by the Chinese government and because of humans' natural indifference to problems that don't have direct personal effects. Li asked everyone in attendance Monday night to sign an online petition to be sent to the U.N. She provided flyers and links to the online petition. She also passed around letters to be sent to representatives in Congress to push a new resolution through saying, "I always believe that freedom will prevail," Li said.



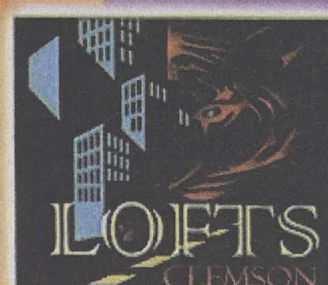
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Correction:

Clemson's chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is not working in conjunction with the Red Cross for the 31st annual Blood Bowl, as stated in Issue 50's article "Can Clemson Break USC's Streak?" They are facilitating donations for AnMed Health and Blood Connection.

## CLEMSON and other EVENTS

Thursday

11/19

"Great American  
Smokeout"

National Cancer  
Society's Day to  
Quit Smoking

Friday

11/20

No Shave Rave

Hendrix Student  
Center Ballroom  
10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Saturday

11/21

Bantam Livestock  
Show

T. Ed Garrison  
Livestock Arena  
Begins at 6 a.m.

Sunday

11/22

Fall Fun Horse  
Show

Equine Center  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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November 20  
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The celebration is open to all students.

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## ALL TIGERS MATTER

*What if Clemson's football players took a stand against racism?*

**Trevor Seigler**  
Columnist

Imagine what would happen if Clemson's undefeated football team, gathered as a collective and mounted a serious protest to address some of the issues on campus. Imagine if they demanded action be taken or they would stay off the field. While it might seem impossible, that's exactly what happened in Missouri.

As part of a long protest of Missouri University's lack of a response to racial tensions on campus, the football team staged a symbolic protest that resulted in the resignation of Missouri's president.

Coach Swinney and President Clements should be shaking in their boots.

Think what a collection of Clemson's top athletes, in not just football but also basketball, baseball and various other sports, could do if they decided to stage a similar protest. The recent push to change the name of Tillman Hall couldn't be so easily ignored by the Board of Trustees if the football or basketball season (and the millions of dollars brought in by each sport) was in jeopardy. Imagine how meaningful it would be if the athletes banded together to effect positive change

on campus.

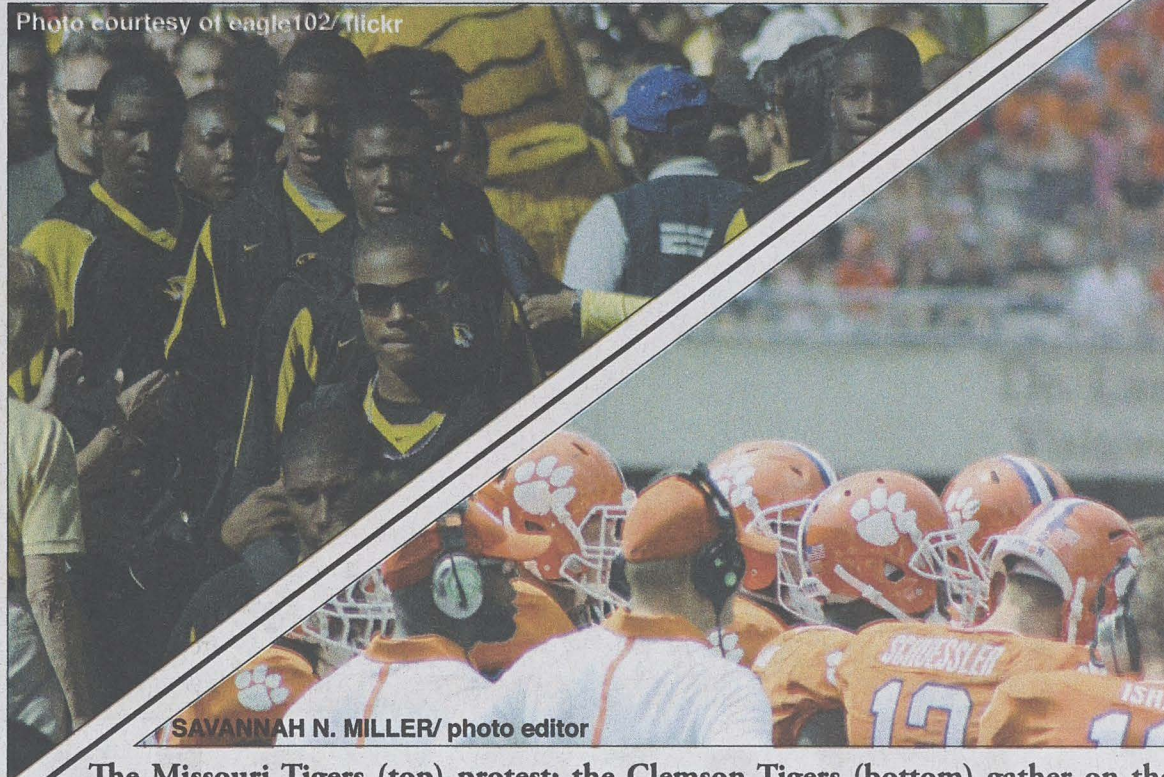
Athletes have a long tradition of standing up for social causes, as evidenced by the recent wearing of "Black Lives Matter" shirts by athletes like LeBron James.

I've thought for a while that Coach Swinney, quoted on "Last Week with John Oliver" as feeling like the current generation of athletes is "too entitled," deserves to be held accountable for those words and for the statements he made at the end of the Notre Dame game. Swinney made a comment in reference to "Bring Your Own Guts" (BYOG), noting the "nice uniforms," and other "entitlements" of the mostly black Clemson team. Entitled carries a heavy connotation at a school with such a negative racial past.

Swinney may be a heck of a coach, and he may even win us a national championship. But I wonder if his athletes know how "entitled" they seem to him, and what he would do if they ever felt "entitled" to exercise their right to free assembly over the issue of Tillman Hall, or paying student-athletes.

If I were an athlete, and I heard my coach make a blanket generalization about

Photo courtesy of eagle102/flickr



The Missouri Tigers (top) protest; the Clemson Tigers (bottom) gather on the sideline. The Missouri football team protested race relations at the university.

my "entitlement," I might think twice about putting my heart and soul into the game.

Clemson has a place in the spotlight right now because our football team is doing so well. But that spotlight could be a beacon for the athletes to realize that they have a voice, that they have a power the ordinary student can't begin to approach. It's wrong that it should be that way, but let's face facts: athletes at a school where sports are king will have certain rights that non-athlete students won't.

Charles Barkley, a now retired NBA star, said 20

years ago that he wasn't a role model, but athletes have been role models and activists for causes that matter to them. Imagine what would happen if the athletes currently sitting atop the college football landscape used their power not to promote the program, but to promote issues of social justice, racial equality and financial irregularities. It probably won't happen, but just imagine what might happen if it did. Because it did, at a school much like Clemson, with even the same mascot.

If we're all part of a "Clemson family," it's a

dysfunctional one. But imagine what would happen if the golden children of the family realized what the adults were saying about them behind their backs and decided to do something about it. Imagine what would happen if a football recruit asked why our signature building is named after a racist and a murderer. Not to sound too John Lennon-like, but it's easy to imagine that if you try.

Because Missouri just proved that it doesn't have to be a figment of anyone's imagination, not if you're willing to take a stand.

## An open letter to Clemson: Education with an impact

**Lindsey Rega**  
Columnist

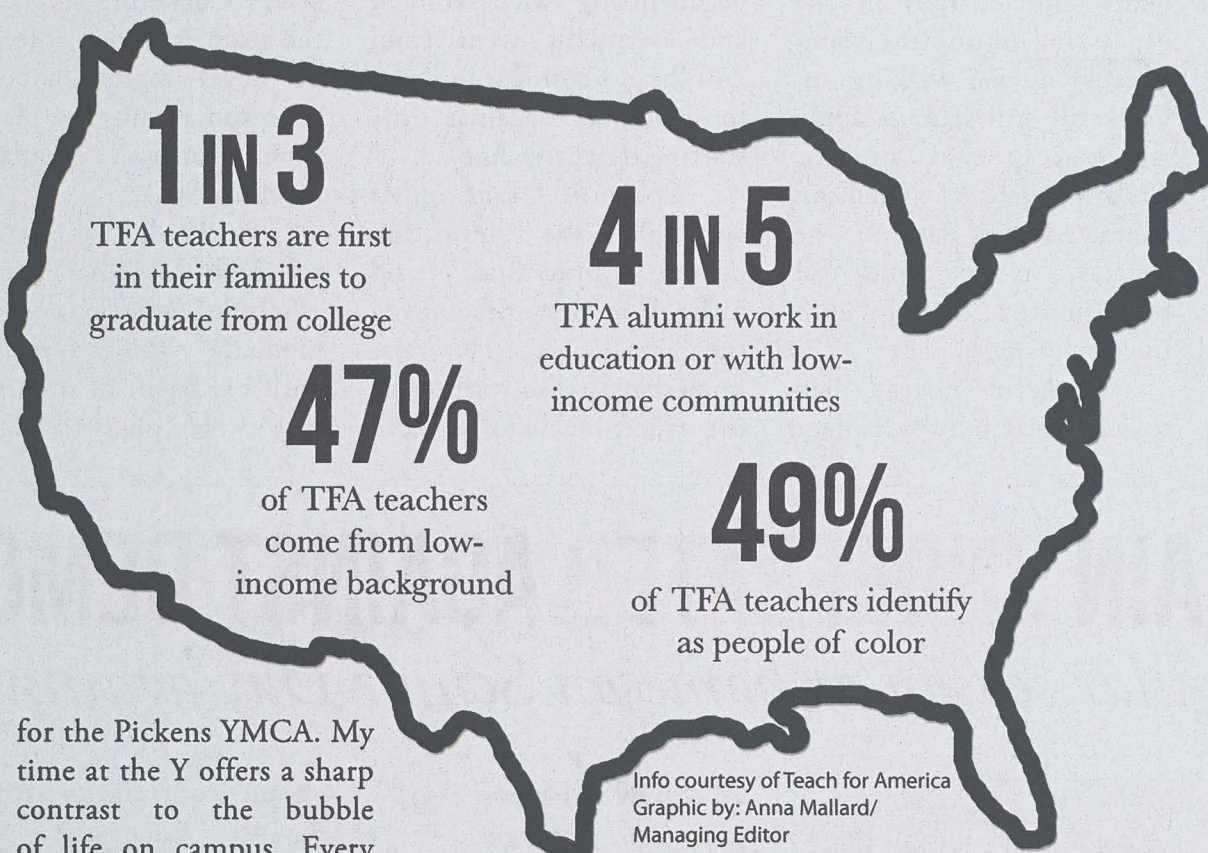
Senior year is turning out to be everything I hoped it would. Our football team is undefeated, I managed to take a couple leisure skills and I've even seen a bit of progress from campus construction. But still, every now and then I get a little nervous.

From the moment I arrived on campus, I'd been preparing for a career in chemistry. I had taken all the science classes and labs and even considered applying to medical or pharmaceutical school.

Then, as the reality of graduation got closer, I had second thoughts. I realized I couldn't really see myself in a chemistry lab all day, working my way up and waiting for a big discovery to make an impact.

So I put a pin in my plan and started to look around for some new ones. As I did, another dream started to appear. I realized all of the experiences I'd had through college might have actually been preparing me for something else.

During my time at Clemson, I've been fortunate enough to work as an after-school counselor



for the Pickens YMCA. My time at the Y offers a sharp contrast to the bubble of life on campus. Every week, I spent time with these amazing students – many of whom face real challenges based on where they come from and how much money their parents make. They were also some of the brightest, boldest minds I've met. The hours I spent with them quickly became some of my favorite of the week.

They also forced me to confront some painful truths. We have a real crisis in education in this country. The students who would benefit most from academic supports and resources are the least likely to get them. As a result, a

kid's chance of breaking the cycle of poverty into which he was born is slim. The worst part? It's a cycle that's reinforced across systems and at every turn. A family who can't access health services struggles to keep both parents employed. Those working multiple jobs need after school care, but don't live in communities with the resources to provide it. Each inequity makes the other worse.

As I learned more about these inequities and as my students became a bigger part of my life, I

realized my path was right in front of me. Some of the most influential people in my life have been teachers – people who asked tough questions, pushed me to push myself and left me with a passion for science that will animate the rest of my life. Why not follow in their path-changing footsteps? Why not merge my love of science with my love of people? I decided on a secondary education major, with a dual degree in chemistry, and started getting serious about my own impact after graduation. Making a difference for my

community became my driving force.

All of this is what drew me to Teach For America (TFA), geared towards education in low-income areas; and the career in education I'll begin next fall. Teaching is definitely hard work. But when I think about what I've been afforded because of the education I received, I can't help but think teaching might be exactly what I'm looking for: a community to care about, relationships that matter, an opportunity for incredible impact and a chance to work in a field that I love.

When we help kids change the way they think about their own capabilities and futures, we create classrooms full of students who are dreaming big. When we equip them with the skills and tools to thrive in and out of the classroom, we cultivate boundless potential. They'll be the scientists, politicians, writers, artists, doctors and attorneys who shape the world we share. It won't happen overnight. It will take sustained, thoughtful effort. I want to be a part of it.

I can't wait for school to start.

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People who don't use their turn signal.  
Teacher evaluations

People who don't hold doors for people.

Running out of toothpaste.

The way clothes smell after eating in Schilleter.

iPhone automatically updated in the night and my alarm didn't go off in the morning.



Compiled by the Tiger Staff



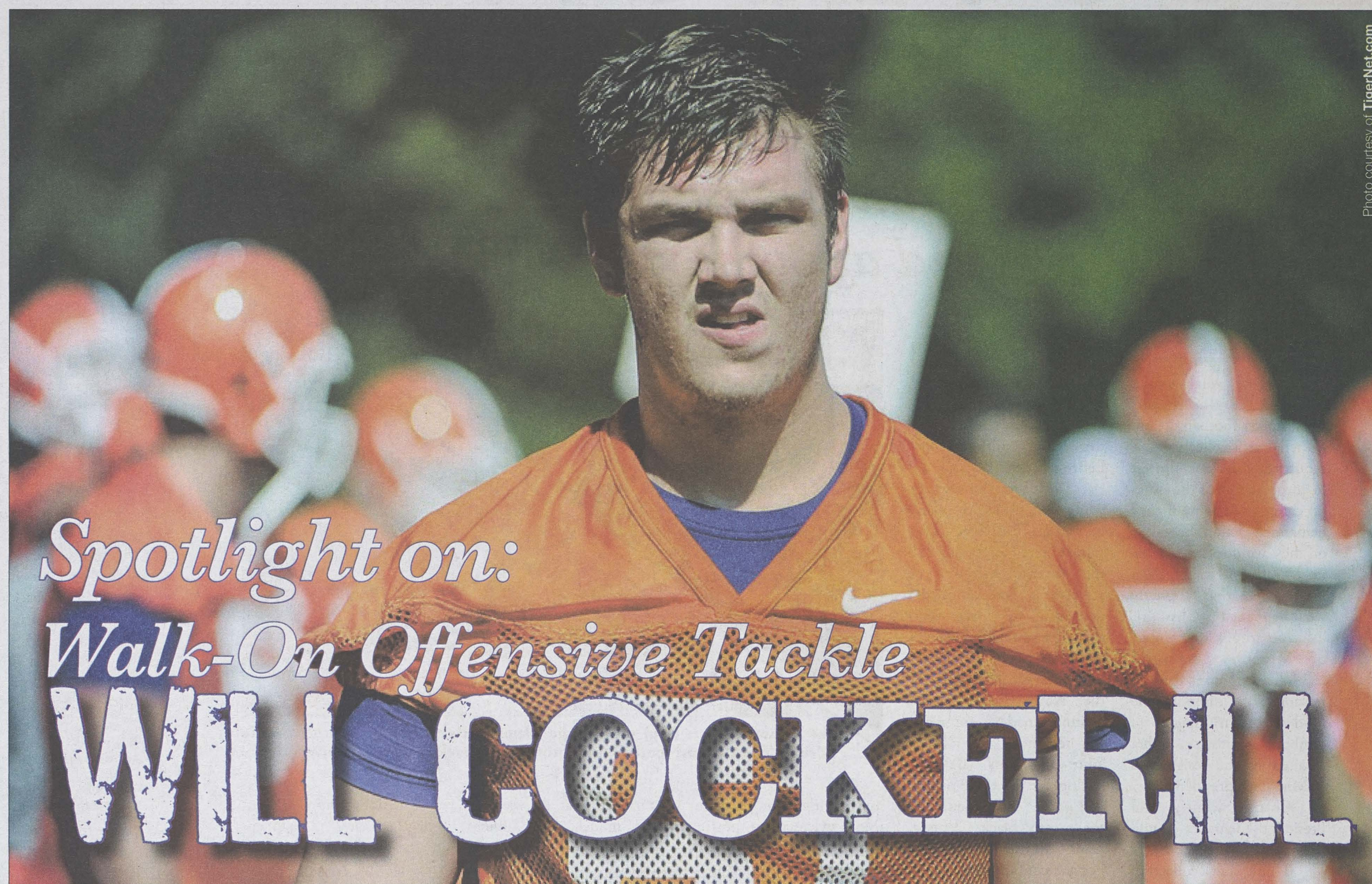


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## Spotlight on: Walk-On Offensive Tackle WILL COCKERILL

Walk-on offensive tackle Will Cockerill (61) participates in a team practice. Cockerill had to undergo a major position change before fulfilling his dream of being a Clemson football player.

**Henry Hutton**  
Contributor

According to Clemson's official athletics website, the Clemson football team has 116 players on its roster, full of individual stories that led to the same place, playing for the Tigers. Everyone on that list is now trying to accomplish the same goals. Many of us know only some of these stories, typically of the big name players.

However, Head Coach Dabo Swinney constantly stresses that no player, game or situation is more important than any other. So why do we only know about the players who see the most game time? I sat next to Will Cockerill and talked to him regularly for almost three months before I even knew he was on the team. He might not play as much as the big names, but Will's story, Clemson experience and aspirations are all unique and deserve to be told.

Cockerill was born in Sumter, one of the state's

largest cities, an hour east of Columbia. He attended Sumter High School, one of the largest schools in the state, where he played football for a traditionally strong program. He played primarily tight end but also aided certain formations as a back or wide receiver in a spread offense similar to Clemson's.

Although he wasn't a big name recruit, Cockerill was well known in the region and attracted the attention of several colleges along the Southeast, including Clemson and NC State. Liberty University, a Christian college in Virginia, offered him a full ride, which Cockerill was leaning toward accepting their offer. However the coaching staff was gutted that season and the new coaches decided to pull his scholarship.

Furman, Wofford, Newberry and Coastal Carolina also showed interest in Cockerill and several claimed they would offer him a scholarship, but none ever did. Wingate eventually

offered him a full ride on a half academic, half athletic scholarship. However, a week later they informed him that they were withdrawing his offer in favor of another player, but that Cockerill could still walk on if he desired. He notes, "I was very disappointed, because I wanted to play college football. It had always been my dream."

Will finally got good news when only two days later Clemson called to inform him that they wanted him to walk on. He explained that if he was "going to walk on, I might as well go big." Although he finally made this difficult decision, Will quickly faced many more trials in the process of joining the team. Because he was walking on, Cockerill still had to apply and be accepted as a student. Unfortunately, Clemson contacted him late in the process, so he could not be admitted directly into the university.

Cockerill instead had to join Tri County's college

transfer program, moving into Clemson the following year. He completed his challenging journey when he made the football team after a spot opened due to a player dismissal.

Once Cockerill finally made it to Clemson, he played his first year at tight end before his playing career changed drastically. Early in the offseason leading up to his second season, Cockerill recalls Dabo telling him, "I've got either the best news you'll ever hear or the worst news you'll ever hear. We're moving you to tackle."

Although he had little experience on the line, at the college level, Cockerill trusted the decision. He began lifting twice as much and eventually went from 240 lbs. to 280 lbs. in order to compete against the starting defensive line.

Cockerill said that although the transition proved unnatural and difficult at first, he enjoyed the challenge. He was immediately thrown into the fire at left tackle as he faced

off against the likes of Vic Beasley and Shaq Lawson on the scout team. Later in the year, he played on the right side and competed against Kevin Dodd and another NFL player, Corey Crawford. Cockerill said, "It was very humbling, you find out really quick how good you are ... but now sometimes I can hold my own, I'll make a play and say 'I can compete with these guys.'" Though it may have taken almost a year to grasp the position, it was one of the most rewarding experiences of Cockerill's life.

Cockerill played in his first college game on Sept. 6, 2014 against SC State. Even though he hasn't played often, Cockerill's impact on the team is undeniable, and he never regrets choosing Clemson, despite the playing time. Cockerill stands by his decision.

Cockerill has decided to forgo his final year of eligibility at Clemson and graduate this December with his Bachelor of Arts in history. He plans to become

a high school teacher and football coach so that he can positively impact young people. He said, "high school is a very big time in people's lives ... As a teacher and a coach you get two different sides, and you can really inspire people to learn. Academics are huge, and it's sad some people don't get the same opportunities others do."

Football played a major role in Will's life growing up, and he wants to give back to youths like himself to help their development both academically and athletically.

He believes that football also offers an amazing opportunity for those who are not as academically gifted, saying, "They can play football, and you can help them out in that way. Hard work can get you a lot of places." Although uncertain about where he wants to work, Cockerill loves the Upstate and would enjoy giving back to people who influenced him.

## TIGERS LOOK TO REMAIN UNDEFEATED AGAINST DEMON DEACONS

*Clemson closes out the regular season at home on Senior Day against Wake Forest.*



ALLEN RANDALL / staff

Clemson defender tackles Wake Forest receiver in Death Valley in 2013.

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With only two games remaining in the regular season, the Clemson football team hopes to finish strong and continue their perfect record this weekend. Standing in the Tigers' way of an 11th win is Wake Forest, a team that holds a 3-7 record and has lost four consecutive games. With Senior Day and Military Appreciation Day being held at this Saturday's game, not to mention the last home game at Death Valley this season, it would be a tremendous feat for the Demon Deacons to leave with a win.

In order for Wake Forest to have a chance in this game, they will have to put up a lot more points than they have typically had this season. They have scored over 20 points in only two of their games, while Clemson has scored at least 20 points in every single game this season. The struggling Demon Deacon offense

should continue to struggle against Clemson's stout defense, which has earned a No. 7 national ranking in total defense despite losing multiple starters from last year's top ranked defense. Dave Clawson, the Wake Forest head coach, mentioned that Clemson "is just an excellent, talented, well-coached football team and it's a great challenge, but our guys are looking forward to it."

Clemson has had an outstanding season, attaining an undefeated 10-0 record and a No. 1 national ranking. On the offensive side of the ball, Clemson has been nothing less than stellar. This unit has mounted at least 500 total yards over the past six games, a record for this program. Clemson's defense has also been superb this season, and in the words of Clemson's Head Coach Dabo Swinney, Clemson "is 10-0 because we've played great on defense all year." Clemson may have had their worst defensive

performance last weekend against Syracuse, so look for this unit to come out with intensity this Saturday against Wake Forest.

There are a few players that might see limited to no playing time for this game, including Wayne Gallman, Mackensie Alexander and Ray-Ray McCloud.

Gallman, Clemson's starting running back, suffered a sprained ankle against Syracuse and is listed as questionable. Alexander, one of Clemson's star cornerbacks, is also listed as questionable after sustaining a minor knee injury last weekend. Finally, McCloud, one of Clemson's key wide-outs, will miss this weekend's game due to a sprained knee.

If you haven't been to a Clemson game this year, this weekend is your last chance to watch your Tigers play in Death Valley this season. However, if you cannot make it to the game, be sure to cheer on your team Saturday on ESPN2 at 3:30 p.m.





# BEHIND ENEMY BYLINES

Interview by Elaine Day // Contributor

In anticipation of this weekend's Senior Day matchup with Wake Forest, The Tiger went behind enemy bylines to talk to Kyle Tatich, the sports editor of Wake's student newspaper, Old Gold & Black, to get an opponent's view on the game.

## TIGER SPORTS(TS):

Last weekend at South Bend, Wake had eight more first downs and almost 60 more total yards than the Fighting Irish. The Demon Deacons also had possession of the ball for 11 minutes longer than Notre Dame. However, Notre Dame still won 28-7. What kept the Deacs from scoring more than a touchdown?

## KYLE TATICH (KT):

Wake Forest played its best game of the season against Notre Dame and executed the perfect game plan to pull off an upset. However, a handful of plays caused the Deacs to fall to the No. 4 team in the country. Wake Forest's defense allowed a fluke 98-yard touchdown run (the longest play from scrimmage in Notre Dame history), quarterback John Wolford lost control of the ball and was intercepted by a defensive lineman who returned it for a touchdown and finally the Deacs could only score once when having the ball on the Irish's one yard line on three separate occasions. Had Wake Forest capitalized in the red zone and avoided two fluke plays, the Deacs could have possibly pulled off the upset of the year in South Bend, Indiana.

**TS:** Given that Wake was able to muster a significant amount of offense against Notre Dame and Clemson's defense struggled a bit against Syracuse, what do you hope to see

from the Demon Deacons this weekend?

**KT:** I hope to see Wake Forest continue its diverse play-calling that combined a balance of running back draws and deep throws down the field. Running back Tyler Bell will need to build off his impressive performance against the Irish, and Wolford will need to continue making smart decisions in the pocket.

**TS:** What is Wake Forest's biggest key to upsetting the No. 1 team in the nation on Saturday?

**KT:** The biggest key to upsetting Clemson is to prevent big plays. Against N.C. State, the Deacs allowed four touchdowns of 50 yards or more. So tackling in the secondary will be of the greatest importance.

**TS:** Who are some key players that Clemson fans should know about going into Saturday's matchup?

**KT:** The strength of the Wake Forest defense is its linebackers. Led by seniors Brandon Chubb and Hunter Williams and junior Marquel Lee, the Deacs boast arguably the best coverage and tackling linebacking corps in the conference. Taking away the breakaway 94-yard touchdown run by Dalvin Cook in the game's first quarter, these linebackers helped hold Florida State to just 33 yards rushing for the contest. Moreover, these linebackers are effective

on third down, ranking among the country's top 20. Offensively, look for wide receiver K.J. Brent to have a big game. I'm sure the former Gamecock transfer still senses a rivalry with the Tigers.

**TS:** Score prediction?

**KT:** Although Wake Forest showed a lot of heart and promise against Notre Dame, Clemson's fast-paced offense will cause the Deacs to fall behind early. Clemson will win this one big, defeating Wake Forest 45-17.

**KT:** Clemson enters Saturday's game undefeated and as the No. 1 team in the country. Can you describe the excitement surrounding the program right now?

**TS:** I can't lie, it's pretty hyped in Clemson right now. The Tigers have achieved success on a national level in the past few years, perhaps most notably through an Orange Bowl win over Ohio State in 2014, but this feels different. The most exciting 25 seconds in college football had a bit of a special air to it two weekends ago against Florida State, as the Tigers ran down the Hill for the first time ever ranked as the No. 1 team in the country. Shops downtown have already started making "Party like it's 1981" shirts, referring to the last time Clemson brought home the National Championship, and I think people have well-founded faith that the Tigers could go all the way this season. Plus, Coach Swinney

suggested a giant pizza party in Death Valley if Clemson finds themselves in the final playoff poll, and what fan wouldn't be excited at the prospect of a poll party?

**KT:** It is no secret quarterback Deshaun Watson is playing at an elite level. Has he met preseason expectations? Do you think he should be getting more national attention, perhaps in the Heisman conversation?

**TS:** Watson has been dominant, in every sense of the word. The national media has largely given Deshaun his due credit all season, but recently, the attention has exploded. He was on the front of a regional Sports Illustrated cover last week, striking a pose reminiscent of the Heisman. The stance was no coincidence, as Watson also found himself in the top spot of the Heisman watch after his commanding performance against Florida State. While this ascension in the Heisman race may have in part been due to Leonard Fournette's lackluster performance versus Alabama a few weeks ago, Watson deserves the spotlight. He carries himself and leads this team in a way that makes him seem much more seasoned than a true sophomore, and I look forward to seeing him shine further as we move towards the postseason.

**KT:** What is your favorite Dabo Swinney dance move?

**TS:** That may be the

toughest question on this list. For me, it's a tie between the first time Clemson fans ever saw Dabo dance last year and any kind of dance he does to the song "Watch Me." The former was in a video for homecoming where a wide variety of Clemson people lip-synced and danced to Pharrell's "Happy." Dabo kicked off the video with this backwards shimmy thing, and that, combined with his valiant attempt to mouth the words, made for a video that I still laugh at to this day. The latter is really what Dabo has become known for, and it is always amusing to see the players react to the Whip or Nae Nae in the locker room. Dabo also has a pretty mean Stanky Leg. Bottom line: we win, we dance.

**KT:** The betting line for this weekend's game is 30.5 points in favor of the Tigers. Does this seem about right to you?

**TS:** After last weekend against Syracuse, I would honestly say that line is a little high. Clemson was favored by that exact same amount in the Carrier Dome and only managed a 10-point victory. Especially considering the Deacs' performance at South Bend last week, I could see them giving the Tigers a bit of a run for their money early in Death Valley. Clemson will pull away for a solid victory, but not one of that magnitude.

**KT:** What are your three keys to success to a

Clemson victory?

**TS:** 1. Clemson has to play turnover-less football. The Syracuse game was obviously a little too close for comfort, and I think a major part of that struggle was due to three Tiger turnovers.

2. The biggest thing that the Tiger defense has struggled with this season is containing the run. This factor could possibly best be seen with FSU's Dalvin Cook's explosive 75-yard touchdown run to take a 7-0 in Death Valley lead a few weeks ago. Even last weekend, Syracuse outgained Clemson in rushing yards, and quarterback Zack Mahoney scored two of the Orange touchdowns with his feet. Though Wake is not necessarily known for the run, Clemson's defense needs to be ready to protect against it.

3. While it may seem obvious, Clemson needs to make sure that they're focused on the game at hand and not looking forward to the rivalry matchup with South Carolina or beyond. The later it gets in the season, the easier it becomes for fans and players alike to put their energy into the postseason and get distracted with the task at hand; the Tigers need to make sure they're all in the correct mindset to take it one game at a time.

**KT:** What is your score prediction?

**TS:** 37-10. I do not foresee a repeat of Clemson's defensive performance (or lack thereof) against Syracuse, and I expect a dominant performance from Watson and Co. for their last home game of the season.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL DEFEATS UTSA ROADRUNNERS

Cole Little  
Contributor

The Clemson Tigers moved to 2-0 on the season with their 78-45 victory over the Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners on Sunday afternoon. The Tigers picked up where they left off with their 74-40 victory over North Carolina Central on Friday night and fully controlled Sunday's game from the opening tip to the final buzzer. Coach Brad Brownell was pleased following the victory, telling reporters, "It was a good performance by our guys. I was proud of our focus all weekend. We had a good spirit in shootaround, and I think that helped with our confidence."

Forward Donte Grantham, was the shining star of the afternoon, scoring 22 points for the Tigers. Center Sidy Djitte kept

the momentum he gained from his solid rebounding performance in the first game alive, hauling in 10 boards on Sunday. Guard Jordan Roper led in assists for Clemson, making seven excellent passes to go along with his 13 points.

Perhaps the most impressive statistic of the game is the 49 points scored by Clemson in the first half, the most scored by the Tigers in the first half since Brownell took over in 2010. Like last week's game, the scoring was spread around, which is a positive sign for an offense that has been fairly one-dimensional in recent seasons. Regarding the scoring diversity, Brownell said, "You've got to have multiple guys who can score to be successful. We'd like to have three or four guys who can average double figures. That hasn't happened here that often. We've just had

one or two guys."

The meager 45-point scoring output by the Roadrunners, which is lower than that of the Tigers in the first half alone, indicates the stellar performance from Clemson's defense on Sunday. UTSA had a subpar 18 of 58 in shots and was outrebounded by a margin of 45 to 28. According to Texas-San Antonio Head Coach Brooks Thompson, the Roadrunners' defense was even more underwhelming than the offense, saying, "I'd hope (NCAA) Division I players could knock down open jump shots because that's what we gave them." His statement does not give the Tigers' offense its fair share of credit.

Even though only two games are in the books, Clemson's offense already looks far superior to last year's. A major question coming into the season

concerned how the Tigers would manage following the graduation of starting point guard Rod Hall; however, transfer Avry Holmes, along with Roper, have done an excellent job of filling Hall's shoes.

The new question associated with Clemson is what Landry Nnoko did during the offseason, because it appears that he might have secretly trained with Hall of Fame big man Dikembe Mutombo. Nnoko has been a blocking machine the first two games, totaling an impressive 11 swats in all.

The Clemson Tigers are riding high to start their 2015-16 campaign and will look to keep it that way on Thursday when they face off against Texas Southern at home. The college basketball season has just begun, but the Tigers already look primed to make a run at March Madness.

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## JACK OF ALL TRADES

*Ansari brings the laughs and another win for Netflix*

James Kidd  
TimeOut Editor

Immediately after watching both the trailer and premiere episode of “Master of None,” the latest original Netflix series, my reaction was much like any other critic: “Oh, so this is Aziz Ansari’s version of ‘Louie.’” While both were certainly funny, I couldn’t help but be a tad disappointed because of that — Ansari has shown previously from his stand up performances and show-stealing role on “Parks and Recreation” that he is a brilliant comedian. However, nothing could have prepared me for what I discovered in the second episode, as well as each one after. Not only did “Master of None” manage to burst free of these comparisons, it immediately became the most personal and self-assured series out there today, easily taking the title as the best series of the year for me.

Jumping into the blossoming genre of indie television shows, “Master of None” follows Aziz Ansari’s character Dev, who essentially functions as a much more grounded version of his Tom Haverford persona (a metrosexual, social-media obsessed millennial looking for love), as he ventures around New York City dealing with issues that every 20-something person

would sympathize with, from romantic relationships to annoying parents. While this might seem grating to a few people, I really liked when the show threw Dev far out of his comfort zone, like taking a date on a trip to Tennessee or coming up with a way to sleep with a married woman guilt-free.

On paper, this rightly may seem inspired by “Louie,” but what matters here is the execution. Despite taking cues from other shows, like the very underrated “You’re the Worst” and the style of ’70s Woody Allen movie, “Master of None” gushes with Ansari’s unique personality and views on life. Because he both directs and writes most of the episodes, you can practically feel Ansari’s passion radiating from your television screen as he gives it his all throughout the 10 episode season.

However, the one major thing that separates “Master” from other shows for me would be its tackling of race in America today. The episode “Parents” does a fantastic job with this, as Dev and his Taiwanese friend blow off their fathers’ wishes to connect with their sons to instead watch the latest “X-Men” movie. Each father then has a brief flashback that details the conditions that led to them immigrating, as well as the various accounts of racism and economic

hardships they had to face as foreigners in America — only to be pushed off by their sons, who are now living much better than their fathers. Another episode, “Indians on TV,” focuses on the fact that while having multiple white actors is fine, adding any more than one African American, Indian or gay actor/actress makes it only a show for blacks, gays, etc. While other shows have certainly dealt with race before “Master of None,” the way that Ansari handles it

here makes it seem genuine without being awkward or in your face about it. It’s not even the main focus of the show, but instead just a part of Dev’s everyday life.

Also, did I mention that this show was funny? Because it definitely is. Ansari’s comedic brilliance immediately shines through from the very beginning, as does the rest of the cast, especially Eric Wareheim and Noël Wells, who play Dev’s best friend and his girlfriend, respectively. Even Ansari’s

father, who is totally new to acting, did fairly well and made me burst out laughing whenever he showed up. Props should certainly be given to the writing ability of both Ansari and his longtime partner Alan Yang, as average day-to-day scenarios are given new life through their comedic lenses. The dialogue itself doesn’t really contain a whole lot of jokes or witty one-liners, instead focusing on the goofy things that pour out of the mouths of Ansari and the rest of the cast.

While I always expected “Master of None” to be an amusing break between the wait for “Jessica Jones” and “BoJack Horseman,” I never could have predicted that it would turn out as well as it did. Not only is it hilarious, it is genuinely heartwarming and has some important things to say about love, family, race and much more. Netflix has yet another hit on its hands with “Master of None,” and despite the title, it’s easily the best show the service has put out yet.

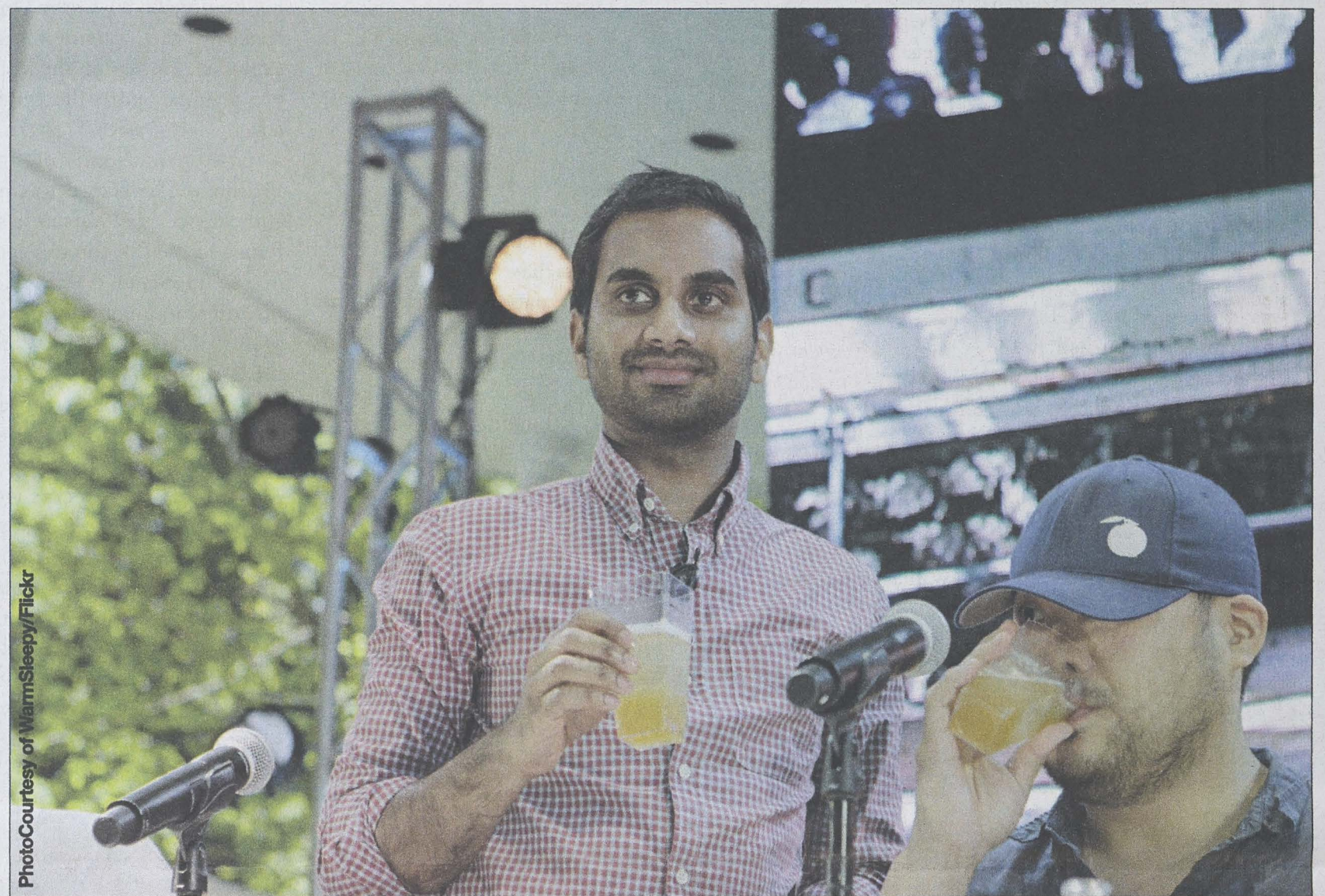


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## TIGER TRIBUTES: *An ode to random acts of kindness*



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Many students are beginning to feel the end-of-the-semester stress as finals dwell closer with each passing week. As it gets more difficult to juggle everything thrown your way, it can be easy to forget sometimes that there are plenty of other people

stressing out just as much as you are. So, when you see someone’s 10 page paper fly all over the ground, lend a helping hand. Here are a couple of stories of people that personally helped me out whenever I was having a bad day.

There have been endless rainy days on Clemson University’s campus this

semester, which really complicates things if you don’t own an umbrella or rain jacket. I want to give props to the various people who’ve voluntarily shared their umbrella with me as we’ve waited at bus stops on campus and keep doing what you’re doing. It’s uncomfortable to sit through a day’s worth of classes soaking wet from the

rain. Needless to say, I have now purchased my own large, colorful umbrella so I can share it with a desperate soul.

With three to five classes packed into one day, it’s difficult to take the time to eat. I certainly can attest to this truth, as I also work part-time. Once, I got out of class and had a small gap of time that I could squeeze in a short lunch before I needed to be at work. I called my friend to ask if he wanted me to pick anything up from Wendy’s while I was there. Running to Lee Hall to deliver his lunch, I was managing a very heavy book bag, a ginormous Shakespeare textbook, two bags of food, a drink tray and a cellphone.

As most of you may have already predicted, I dropped everything as I opened the door to meet my friend. This was the perfect time for an auditorium class in Lee Hall to let out, and about 50 people passed me with whispers like, “Man, that sucks,” and “Oooo...” Another grateful thanks to the single guy who stooped down and helped me clean up my mess. I couldn’t eat the food afterwards, but it saved me

some embarrassment.

Again, with all the class work, papers and studying going on, it’s easy to forget simple things — like bringing your laptop with you as you transition from different locations on campus. This has happened to me, and for those of you who have had a similar experience, it’s easy to say a panic attack is a colossal understatement. I wasn’t sure where I last had my laptop, so I started tracing back my steps and missed a large portion of my British Literature class.

However, I am fortunate to express that some honest being had found my laptop at a table in Wendy’s and turned it in to the staff. I eventually rushed back to Wendy’s and retrieved my laptop that the workers had safely stowed away in the back of the restaurant.

Not only students, but also professors are considered Tigers here at Clemson University. To all the professors who take the time to help each and every student through daily struggles, a sincere thank you.

Yes, office hours are

mandatory, but quality help isn’t. Some days, I feel like I’m pulling teeth to get a professor to answer any questions I have. Nonetheless, we all still have those superhero/heroine professors who save our day. Whether I have questions on assignments, careers or personal questions, there are professors who take time from their day to fully answer and assist with anything they have to offer. We students see why you are so good at your job, and it makes our lives that much better.

Overall, Clemson University describes itself as the Clemson family — and we are just that. Not to be sappy or emotional here, but without each other’s help, our lives at college wouldn’t be as special. This is how we build relationships. So hold the library door open for one another, provide pencils when someone else is in need, wave at each other in the halls and don’t forget that a good deed never goes unnoticed. Pass the kindness on, and who knows? Maybe someone will return the favor!

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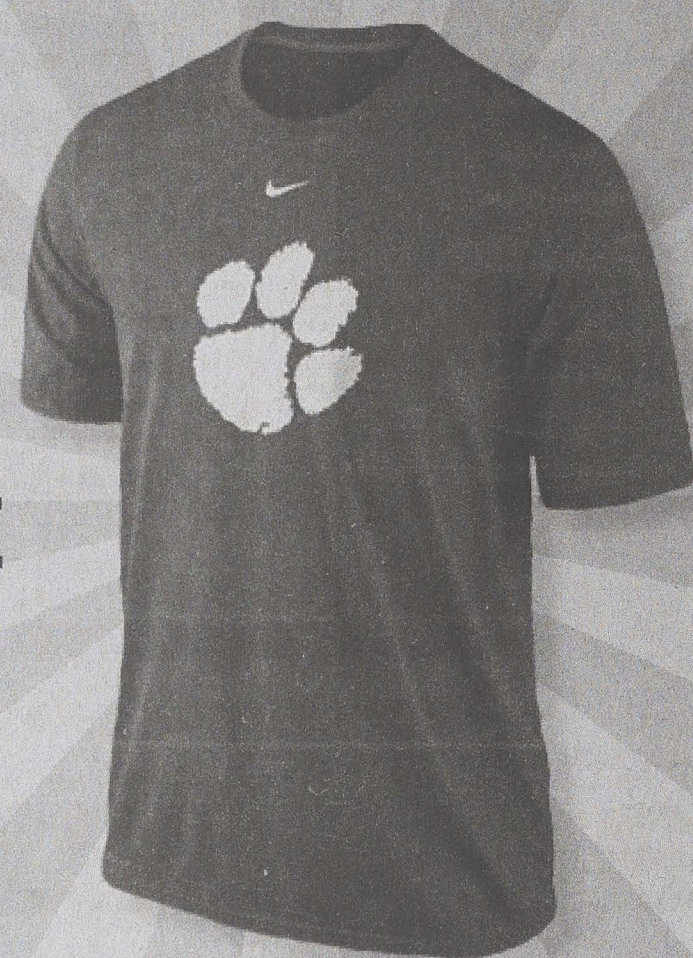
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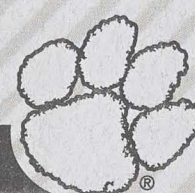
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